Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—May I know the time consumed for the decision in respect of 80 cases in 1968 and in respect of 65 cases in 1968 ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—I am not able to give that information.

Sri P. V. AITHALA.—May I know whether the Law Department is scrutinising every recommendation that is received from the Special Deputy Commissioner before according sanction or whether it is an administrative sanction that is being simply given by the Law Department ?

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—After the Law Department goes through the judgment and considers it, decision is taken whether to prefer an appeal or not.

3-00 P.M.

Beating of a Municipal Councillor and M. E. S. Worker in Belgaum

478. Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 1st November 1969 was observed by the Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti as a black and hartal day in Belgaum City ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that on 1st November 1969 the Police beat Sri R. S. Mane, Municipal Councillor, by entering the house of Sri Kulhalli in Kelkar Bag in Belgaum City (House No. 1787) ;

c) whether it is a fact that one Rama Huvappa Shindolker a worker of M. E. Samiti was intentionally beaten by the Assistant Superintendent of Police and Sri Gunji, Sub-Inspector, along with 10-15 police force ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that Sri Hegde, Additional S. P. had taken him to his house ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know whether the Government is aware that Sri R. S. Mane, Municipal Councillor, was beaten by the Police by entering the house of Sri Kulhalli in Kelkar Bag in Belgaum City, bearing House No. 1787 ? Was not this case published in Marathi Daily ?

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—He was not beaten by the Police nor anybody was injured. The hon. Member is referring to certain papers. Those papers are meant only to publish such news and also exaggerated news. I know with what motive they are doing.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—I wish to know whether there is a Government Publicity Officer in Belgaum and if so, whether he has contradicted that news ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not know what was published and what was contradicted. That information is not before me.

Sri V. N. PATIL.— When a paper has published a certain news and reports that such and such a thing has happened, was it not the responsibility of the Government to contradict when it had not happened and to proceed against the paper in a Court of Law ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—That is why, I stated that I do not have that information before me. I do not have before me that paper cutting also. I do not know whether that news has been contradicted. That information is not before me.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ಯಾವುದೇ ಲೋಕರ್ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ನ್ಯೂಸ್ ಐಟಂ ಪಬ್ಲಿಷ್ ಆದರೆ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಸ್ಪೆಷಲ್ ಬ್ರಾಂಚ್‌ನವರು ಅದನ್ನು ಕಟಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಇರಾಖೆಗೆ ಕಳಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರು ಆ ರೀತಿ ಕಟಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಕಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಆ ಇನ್‌ಫರ್‌ಮೇಷನ್ ಇಲ್ಲ.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know whether the Government is aware that the Municipal Meeting of Belgaum was adjourned consequent on the beating of Sri R. S. Mane, Municipal Councillor, by the Police ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not know.

Almatti Irrigation Project

482. Sri S. S. ARAKERI (Balloli).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total amount estimated for Almatti Project only (not Upper Krishna) ;

(*b* the total number of acres to be irrigated after its completion (names of Taluks to be benefited by Almatti Project may be furnished) ;

(*c*) whether the work of Almatti Project has been stopped since the last 2 years ;

(*d*) if so, the reasons for the same and if not the amount spent so far on 1st and 2nd stage of the work ?